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CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)

10/502,262

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/EP02/14702

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PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

22 January 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION


METHOD FOR PRODUCING A HOLDING ELEMENT

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
 2. ☒ This is a **SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
 3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
 4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
 5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
 6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). (verified)
 7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
 8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). (verified)
 9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). (6 pages, executed, attached to a copy of the International Application)
 10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
- Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
 12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. (6 pages total)
 13. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
 14. ☐ A substitute specification. (attached to a red-ink marked-up version of the English language translation)
 15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
 16. ☒ Other items or information:
 - Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371
 - Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail (2 pages)
 - Return Receipt Postcard
 - Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each and every non-U.S. Patent reference cited therein

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Basic National Filing Fee \$ 300.00 National Stage Search Fee \$ 500.00 National Stage Examination Fee \$ 200.00				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
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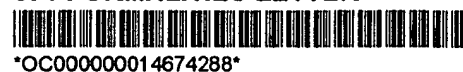
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/22/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/22/2004
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 07/22/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/22/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/22/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/22/2004
- Substitute Specification filed on 07/22/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 07/22/2004

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE

DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)

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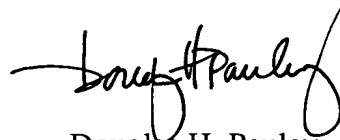
I hereby certify that the following requisites of the subject Patent Application are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee No. EV478067765US, on 07 February 2005, and is addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, together with the items listed below.

- Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390) (2 pages), in duplicate

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- Executed German Language Declaration (6 pages), attached to a German language copy of the International Application
- First Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), together with Form PTO-1449, and with a copy of each and every cited non-U.S. Patent reference
- Recordation Form Cover Sheet, together with executed Assignment Document (6 pages total)
- A check in the amount of \$170.00 to cover the fees set forth in the Transmittal Letter
- Copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)
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